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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR UN US SO ET SU FT KE LY UR
SUBJECT: THE HORN OF AFRICA: SUDANESE PRONG

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1. TIMELY TRANSFORMATION IN USG/GOS TIES OVER PAST TEN MONTHS
HAS ALREADY LAID BASIS FOR CORDIAL COOPERATIVE BILATERAL
RELATIONSHIP OF TYPE ADVOCATED BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN
REFTEL. THERE EQUALLY NO QUESTION BUT THAT NIMEIRI REGIME HAS
IN RECENT MONTHS TAKEN NUMBER SUBSTANTIAL INITIATIVES IN
AREA SECURITY FIELD. LATEST OF THESE IS PRESIDENT'S SUDDENLY
ARRANGED MARCH 15-19 VISITS TO MUSCAT AND ADEN IN INTERESTS
RED SEA SECURITY. GOS IS CLEARLY ACTING THROUGHOUT
WITH TACIT SUPPORT, IF NOT ACTIVE ENCOURAGEMENT, BOTH OF
SAUDIS, WHO ARE PROVIDING MORE FINANCIAL HELP TO HARD-PRESSED
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SUDAN THAN CAN BE EXPECTED FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE, AS WELL AS
EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS, WITH WHOM GOS HAS JUST BECOME LINKED
IN JOINT POLITICAL COMMAND. GOS CAN THUS BE EXPECTED CONTINUE
MOVE ACTIVELY ON LINES SUGGESTED REFTEL, AND I WOULD QUESTION
WHETHER ANY ADDITIONAL SPECIAL PUSH FROM US AT THIS STAGE IS
NEEDED.

2. EFFORTS RE-ESTABLISH FULL RANGE OUR NORMAL PROGRAMS WITH SUDAN SHOULD , HOWEVER, BE PROSECUTED WITH INCREASING VIGOR IN LIGHT RECENT EVIDENCE SHIFTING ALLEGIANCES IN HORN. KHARTOUM'S BASICALLY ARAB ORIENTATION AND NIMEIRI REGIME'S PRIORITY CONCERNS FOR ITS SURVIVAL AND COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT WOULD NEVERTHELESS APPEAR LIMIT EFFECTIVENESS ANY MAJOR REGIONAL ROLE IN AFRICA WHICH SUDANESE MIGHT NOW SEEK PLAY. AS DEPT AWARE, THIS QUESTION WAS PUT TO ME LAST DECEMBER BY TOP LEVEL SUDANESE, BUT ON BASIS THAT GOS WOULD NEED CONCRETE USG SUPPORT, PRESUMABLY IN AREA ARMS SUPPLY. I WOULD QUESTION WHETHER WE WOULD WISH MEET SUCH SUDANESE PRICE, BUT HOPE INITIAL GOS REQUEST PURCHASE SIX C-130 AIRCRAFT WILL SHORTLY BE APPROVED.

3. REPORTED VISIT FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON LIKELY PROVIDE OCCASION FOR HIM TO RESTATE, WITH GREATER EMPHASIS, LINE ON RED SEA SECURITY HE TOOK WITH UNDER SECRETARY HABIB LAST SEPTEMBER. WHILE WE SHOULD CONTINUE ASSURE KHALID THAT WE ARE SEEKING RE-INSTITUTE OUR PROGRAMS HERE IN ORDERLY BUT EFFECTIVE FASHION, TO GO FURTHER MIGHT COMPLICATE OUR RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA (AND CONCEIVABLY USSR; KHARTOUM 844 - NOTAL) WITHOUT SIGNIFICANTLY MODIFYING WHAT NIMEIRI REGIME IS DOING ANYWAY IN ITS OWN INTEREST.
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